

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Presently Amended) A universal track and coping assembly for use with swimming pool covers comprising:

a coping defining a slot having a slot opening for receiving a track, an inner wall and an opposite inner wall, either one of said inner wall and said opposite inner wall defining a coping tab projecting therefrom; and

a reversible track defining a first channel and a first edge having a first opening and a second channel and a second edge having a second opening, said first opening defining a first configuration adapted to receive a first rope arrangement, said second opening defining a second configuration adapted to receive a second rope arrangement, said second rope arrangement being different from the first rope arrangement, said first channel being proximate to said first edge defining a first distance, said second channel being spaced from said second edge defining a second distance and thereby defining a second channel opening, said second distance being greater than said first distance, said reversible track insertable into said slot, whereby either one of said first opening and said second opening faces in the same direction as said slot opening, and whereby said coping tab keeps said reversible track from sliding out of said slot opening.

2. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 1 further comprising at least one insert plate insertable into said slot between said reversible track and one of said inner walls of said coping, said at least one insert plate keeping said reversible track pressed against the other one of said inner walls.

3. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 2, wherein said insert plate is a wedge.

4. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 2, wherein said reversible track further defines two locking ledges positioned such that one of said ledges interlocks with said coping tab to keep said reversible track from sliding out of said slot opening.

5. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 4 wherein at least one of said locking ledges includes a track tab projecting from said reversible track.

6. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 1, wherein one of said first channel and said second channel is configured for receiving a rope attached to an edge of a pool cover, and the other one of said first channel and said second channel is configured for receiving a return leg of the rope.

7. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 6 further comprises a pulley attached to said track for receiving and changing direction of said rope.

8. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 7 further comprises a pulley housing for receiving said pulley, said housing attached to said track.

9. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 8, wherein said pulley housing defines a passageway for receiving said pulley and releasing said pulley from said pulley housing.

10. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 1, wherein said second channel is configured to receive a rope and a slider attached to an edge of a pool cover.

11. (Previously Presented) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 1, wherein said coping is adapted to attach to a deck of a pool.

12. (Presently Amended) A universal track and coping assembly for use with swimming pool covers comprising:

a coping defining a slot having a slot opening for receiving a reversible track, wherein said coping defines an inner wall and an opposite inner wall, either one of said inner wall and said opposite inner wall defines a coping tab projecting therefrom;

a reversible track defining a first channel having a first opening and a first edge, a second channel having a second opening, a second edge, and a rope passage, one of said first channel and said rope passage configured for receiving a leg of a rope attached to an edge of a pool cover, and the other one of said first channel and said rope passage configured for receiving a return leg of the rope, said first channel being proximate to said first edge defining a first distance, said second channel being spaced from said second edge defining a second distance and thereby defining a second channel opening, said second distance being greater than said first distance, said second channel configured for receiving a portion of a slider attached to a pool cover, said second opening defining a perimeter configured to complement the slider, said reversible track insertable within said slot, whereby either one of said first opening and said second opening faces in the same direction of said slot;

at least one insert plate insertable into said slot and between said reversible track and one of said inner walls of said coping, for keeping said reversible track pressed against the other one of said inner walls.

13. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 12, wherein said reversible track further defines two locking ledges positioned such that one of said ledges interlocks with said coping tab to keep said reversible track from sliding out of said slot opening.

14. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 13 wherein at least one of said locking ledges includes a track tab projecting from an outer surface of said reversible track.

15. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 12 further comprises a pulley attached thereto for changing a direction of said rope.

16. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 15 further comprises a pulley housing for receiving said pulley, said housing attached to said reversible track.

17. (Original) The universal track and coping assembly of claim 16, wherein said pulley housing defines a passageway having a passageway opening for receiving said pulley and releasing said pulley from said pulley housing.